**PRESIDENT** : That may be so. But still when the member concerned says that he is not ready with the information, rather than permitting him to give incorrect information it is better to permit him to say that he is not prepared with the information. For that he wants notice.

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : I want to point out that the question is general, which asks whether estimates prepared for school buildings, court houses and hospitals in mofussils are too high and then the member refers to particular buildings.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government the estimate that has been drwn up by the P.W.D. for the construction of the Magistrate's Court ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) I clam notice.

**PRESIDENT** : You might have asked that question straight-away.

*Agriculture in Nedumangad taluk.*

28. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Nedumangad taluk is an agricultural taluk ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government are aware that the Agricultural Department has not done, as yet, anything towards agricultural development in the taluk ; and

(*c*) why Demonstration Farms and Manure Depots are not opened in the taluk ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Even though no separate agricultural officer has been sanctioned for doing propaganda work in the Nedumangad taluk, the agricultural officer in charge of the Cattle Farm, Trivandrum, is conducting some demonstrations in a few villages in that taluk. Government also sanctioned a Manure Depot on commission agency system being opened at Nedumangad, provided some respectable gentlemen of the locality came forward to take up the agency. But for want of a suitable person, it has not been possible for the department to open a depot there so far.

(*c*) For want of funds.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from Government the nature of the work that the agricultural officer in charge of the Cattle Farm conducted during the course of last year and this year ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : He inspected the cattle during the course of his inspection.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : The date on which he inspected the cattle or the owners of the cattle (*laughter*) last year or this year ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know whether there was any temporary farm in the Nedumangad taluk ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : With regard to part (*a*), may I know whether there are non-agricultural taluks in Travancore ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether any one has applied for the agency?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) No one has applied.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the principle followed by the department in the matter of opening agricultural demonstration farms in the State?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Wherever Government find that there is necessity they open farms.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know, what is the method for finding out the necessity?

PRESIDENT: The need for such a farm would be the basis.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know, what are the objects already achieved in opening demonstration farms?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Teaching people how to conduct agriculture is one of the objects that has been achieved.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know what is the object of Government in opening demonstration farms?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is to demonstrate to the people the maner in which how agriculture is to be carried on.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Is there any rule that agricultural manure depots will be opened only on commission agency system?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. T K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Are there no Government manure depots anywhere in Travancore under that system?

MR. T. C. THOMMAN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

*Veterinary Hospital for Nedumangad taluk.*

29 *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that there is the necessity of starting a Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital for the use of the agriculturists in Nedumangad taluk;

(*b*) whether there was any proposal to start a Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital in Nedumangad taluk; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action the Government have taken towards the starting of it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have considered the proposal and have ordered that it may lie over for the present.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answer to part (*b*), may I know, when was the proposal to start a Veterinary Dispensary or Hospital accepted by Government?

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